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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant Y. ISHII, et al.

Serial No: To be assigned

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Title: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY  
BATTERY AND LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 14, 2006

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to calculation of  
the filing fee, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.